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Subject: Hello & CA Effort

Attachments: Letter Offering Assistance.docx; PA.xlsx

Hello Doug. My name is Stacie Pratt, and I am the new section chief for the NPDES program. I wanted to reach out and introduce myself. I'm hoping you will be at the State meeting next week so I can meet you in person.

I also wanted to reach out to you to bring to your attention and get your feedback on a compliance assistance project that Region 3 is launching to help underfunded communities improve and maintain both drinking water and wastewater infrastructure and develop the capacity to comply with the Clean Water Act. This project will focus on enhanced compliance assistance at smaller wastewater facilities in significant noncompliance (SNC) that are in communities that may lack both the technical and financial resources to make necessary improvements. The lead for this effort is Walter Higgins, who works in our Water Division. You or your operator outreach folks may have worked with Walter in the past.

Attached you will find a list of facilities in SNC, a draft letter we intend to send to each of the facilities, and a flyer describing some of the assistance we have provided in the past. The final list, along with any other facilities you'd like to add, will be shared with the regional technical assistance group with representation from each state. We believe this effort will complement our shared work in implementing the national compliance initiative to reduce the number of NPDES facilities in SNC.

Walter & I would greatly appreciate your feedback on the project and specifically on the attached list of facilities to receive the compliance assistance letter. We would like to get these letters out shortly, so if you have any feedback, we are asking that you provide that feedback by October 8.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to set up a call to discuss the project in more detail. You can also reach Walter directly at higgins.walter@epa.gov or at (215)814-5476.

Thanks again, and I look forward to working with you.

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